

S-260  
Geneva Cox House  
Crisfield vicinity  
private

c. 1840-1850

The Geneva Cox house, also known as the Old Johnson House, is a two-story, three-bay frame dwelling that stands on the old road connecting Hopewell and Bedsworth. The two-story one-room plan main house is extended to the west by a single-story section, while a hyphen and summer kitchen stretch to the north. The house is designated on the 1877 atlas under the name of J. Johnson.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-260

Magi No. 2002605404

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Johnson House

and/or common Geneva Cox House

## 2. Location

street & number West side of Hopewell/Bedsworth Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Crisfield ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Geneva Cox

street &amp; number 136 Old State Road telephone no.: 968-0793

city, town Crisfield state and zip code Maryland 21817

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Old Johnson House is a two-story three-bay c. 1840-1850 frame house which stands on the west side of MD 667 between Hopewell and Bedsworth, Somerset County, Maryland. The weatherboarded frame structure faces south with the main gable running east/west. Attached to the west end is a single-story addition, and to the north a single-story kitchen with hyphen extends.

The entire house rests on a minimal pier foundation and is uniformly sheathed with plain narrow weatherboards. The medium sloped roofs are sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The south elevation of the main block is a two-story symmetrical facade with a center first floor door and flanking 6/6 sash windows. Three 6/6 sash windows light the second floor. The windows are framed by plain surround with a rectangular back-band. A boxed cornice stretches across at the base of the roof and is trimmed with a crown and bed molding. Extending across the first floor of the main house along with the single-story gable end addition is a single-story shed roofed porch that is supported by turned porch posts with sawn corner brackets. The porch is partially screened and partially enclosed by a framed in knee wall. The front wall of the addition includes a centered door and a 6/6 sash window. The addition covers most of the west end of the main block; However, two four-pane attic windows flank the interior end brick chimney, and the gable is finished with a beaded bargeboard. The gable end of the addition has a single 6/6 sash window lighting each floor.

The north side of the addition is fully covered by a single-story hyphen that connects a single story one-bay by one-room kitchen. The kitchen has a narrow brick stove stack rising from its north gable, and a 2/2 sash window pierces the east side.

The north (back) side of the main house is covered on the first floor by an enclosed shed addition with 6/6 sash windows. The second floor is lighted by replacement sash windows. A boxed cornice, identical to the front, stretches across the base of the roof.

The east gable end of the main block has a 2/2 sash window on the first floor, and a 6/6 sash window lights the second floor. The gable end is finished with a beaded baseboard.

An interior inspection was not possible on the initial visit.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

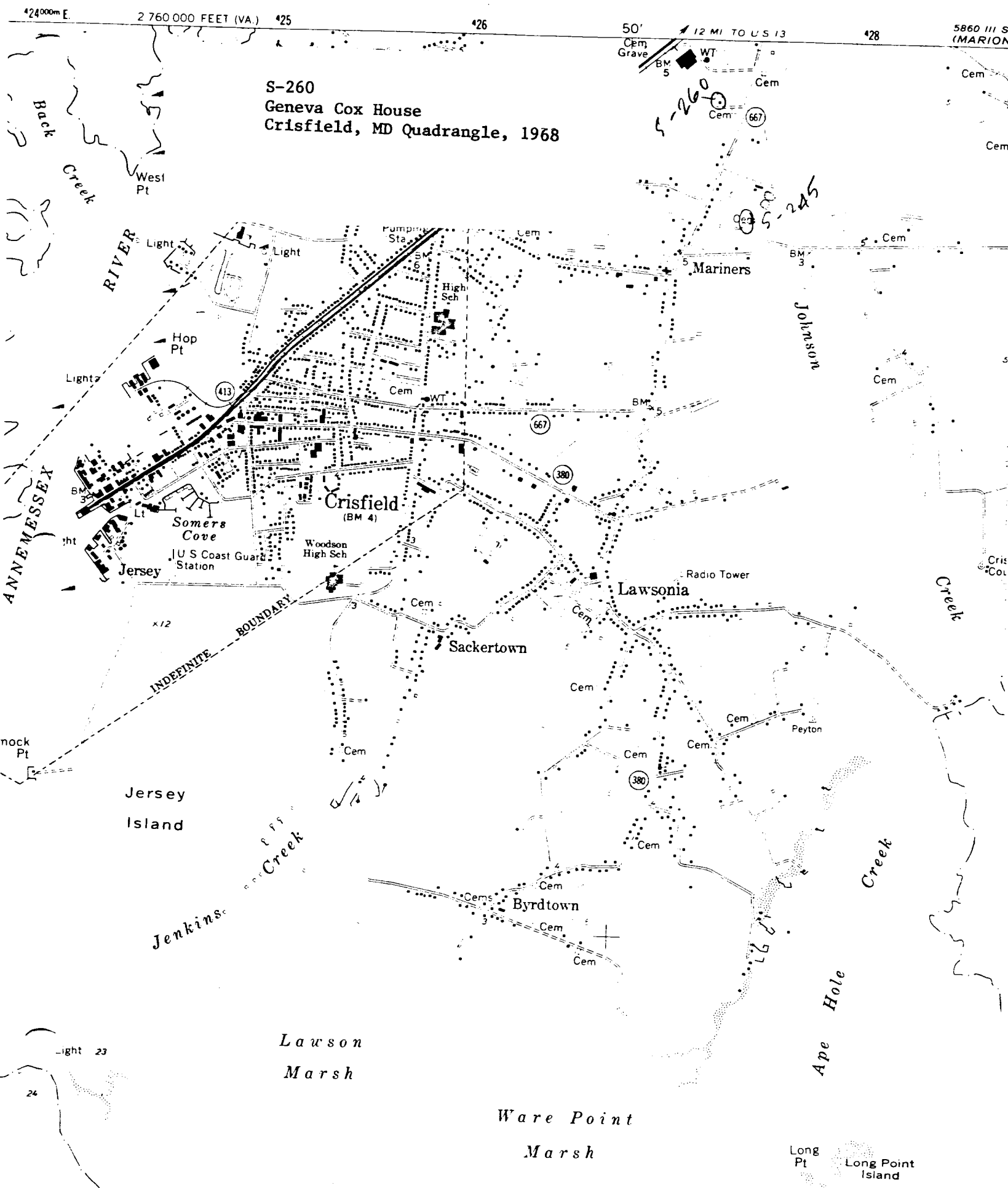
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Old Johnson House is a modest two-story frame house which appears to date from the 1840s to 1850s. Aside from minor changes to windows and doors the 19th-century dwelling has remained largely intact. The house appears on the 1877 atlas map of Lawson's Election District under the name of J. Johnson.



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South Elevation  
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North Elevation  
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